

Meeting Minutes

10/3/2011 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
580 Taylor Avenue, Room C-1, Annapolis, Maryland

Commission Name	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Name of Commission Chair	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick
Commission Administrator/ Staff Present	Keith Colston, Administrator Agnes M. Smith, Administrative Assistant Fiona Moody, Intern
Guest Speakers	Christine Conn, Department of Natural Resources Land Staff Kevin Coyne, Department of Natural Resources Land Staff Tim Brower, Department of natural Resources Land Staff
List of Attendees	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick, Vice Chair Thomas W. Windsor II, Virginia Busby, Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh, Robert F. Killen, Wanda lee, Sherry majors, Cornelius Allen Red Deer, Guy Wells
Absent	

The Meeting was called by Chair Auriel A. Fenwick. Prayer by Chief Rudy Hall. Vice Chair Thomas Windsor noted that the agenda for the meeting has been altered.

Topics

TARGETED ECOLOGICAL AREAS CHRISTINE CONN, KEVIN COYNE, TIM BROWER, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND STAFF

Summary Of Discussion	Greenprint Maryland is a first in the nation web-enabled map showing the relative ecological importance of every parcel of land in the State. This is an effort to keep portions of Maryland as ecologically sound as possible, to ensure a healthy population of plants and animals, to keep our State beautiful, and to ensure our lands for our children before they are consumed by sprawling development. Targeted Ecological Areas (TEAs) – ecologically valuable areas. There are seven themes: 1. Public land management; 2. Marylanders outdoor; 3. Community empowerment and cultural heritage; 4. Restoration and State watershed implementation; 5. Public health; 6. Green economy and 7. Climate changes. Within each of the themes there are a set of criteria's that get scored. Community Empowerment and Cultural Heritage Criteria: 1. Protects designated; 2. Sense of place; 3. Implements documented community preservation objectives and 4. Community involved in stewardship. Chair Fenwick wants feedback on cultural heritage access and getting in contact with chiefs.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Contact tribal leaders and copy of presentation for MCIA website.	Commissioner Virginia Busby	A.S.A.P.	

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	Requested Commission help to have speakers for presentations. Must have vast knowledge of cultural heritage (performance, Native American religion, etc.). The Piscataway Indian Fort is a great event to bring the three Native communities together. American Indian Heritage Month and American Indian Heritage Day is approaching. The AIHM
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	Kick-Off is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland. There needs to be a speakers database to represent Indigenous people of Maryland or Native Americans as a whole. Chair Fenwick noted that when you attend the different events you are representing your community.		
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FATIMA BALL, COUNCIL OF THREE
RIVERS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER

Summary Of Discussion	The Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center helps unemployed American Indians. Contact info: fball@cotraic.org .		
Conclusions			
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Chair Fenwick encouraged Commissioners to attend events and be spokesperson's for communities. She informed the community that the Commission is here to help. She thanked everyone for attending meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.